Malpractices in Petrol Pumps in Delhi

3436. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "petrol pumpon par herapheri" appearing in the Jansatta dated October 14, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the petrol pump checked for weighing less and found indulging in unsocial activities along with the action taken against them during the last three months;

(c) the details of the petrol pumps whose licenes have been cancelled on this account; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to open more number of petrol/diesel retail outlets in Delhi and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cases of short delivery were detected in the following 9 retail outles in Delhi:-

1.	Govind Sahari Anil Kumar	-	IOC
2.	Queen's Road S/Stn.	-	IOC
3.	Intimates S/Stn.	-	IOC
4.	Service Circle	-	HPC
5.	Batra Oil Co.	-	HPC
6.	Rajokri Oil Co.	-	IBP
7.	G.D. Sidhu & Co.	-	IBP
8.	Kumar S/Stn.	-	HPC
9.	Narayan S/Stn.	-	HPC

As per the marketing discipline guidelines, sales from these RO's were suspended till such time as verification and recaiibration are not carried out by Weights and Measures Deptt. of Delhi Administration.

(c) Licence was not cancelled in respect of any of the above RO's as in all these cases the Weights and Measures Deptt.'s seals were found infact.

(d) There is a proposal to open 23 R.O.s in Union Territory of Delhi.

Veterinary Hospitals

3437. KUMAR DIPIKA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facility of veterinary

hospital is available at every Gram Panchayat in Gujarat;

(b) if not, the time by which this facility is likely to be provided to benefit the rural people; and

(c) the number of veterinary hospital functioning at present in Vadodra district of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). The information is being gathered and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Sale of Aluminium Phosphate in Open Market

3438. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the deaths taking place due to consumption of Aluminium Phosphate, a poisonous chemical, being used in insecticides;

(b) whether the Government have received memoranda/suggestions demanding a ban on the open sale of this chemical; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no insecticide by the name of Aluminium Phosphate. However insecticide by the name of Aluminium Phosphide is registered under the Insecticides Act, 1968. Some reports of the deaths due to suicide by Aluminium Phosphide have come to the notice of Government.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The sale/use of Aluminium Phosphide is already restricted only to the Government/Government Undertakings/Government Organisations under the strict supervision of Government experts or experts whose expertise is approved by the Plant Protection Adviser to the Government of India.

[*English*]

Oil and Gas Development projects

3439. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently sanctioned some oil and gas development projects to meet the growing demand of petroleum products; and

(b) if so, the details and the locations of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned five oilfield development projects since October, 1990. These are projects for the development of the Neelam, Mukta and Panna oilfields in the Western off shore and the additional development of the L- II and L - III reservoirs of Bombay High field.

Production of Saleable Steel

3440. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the production and